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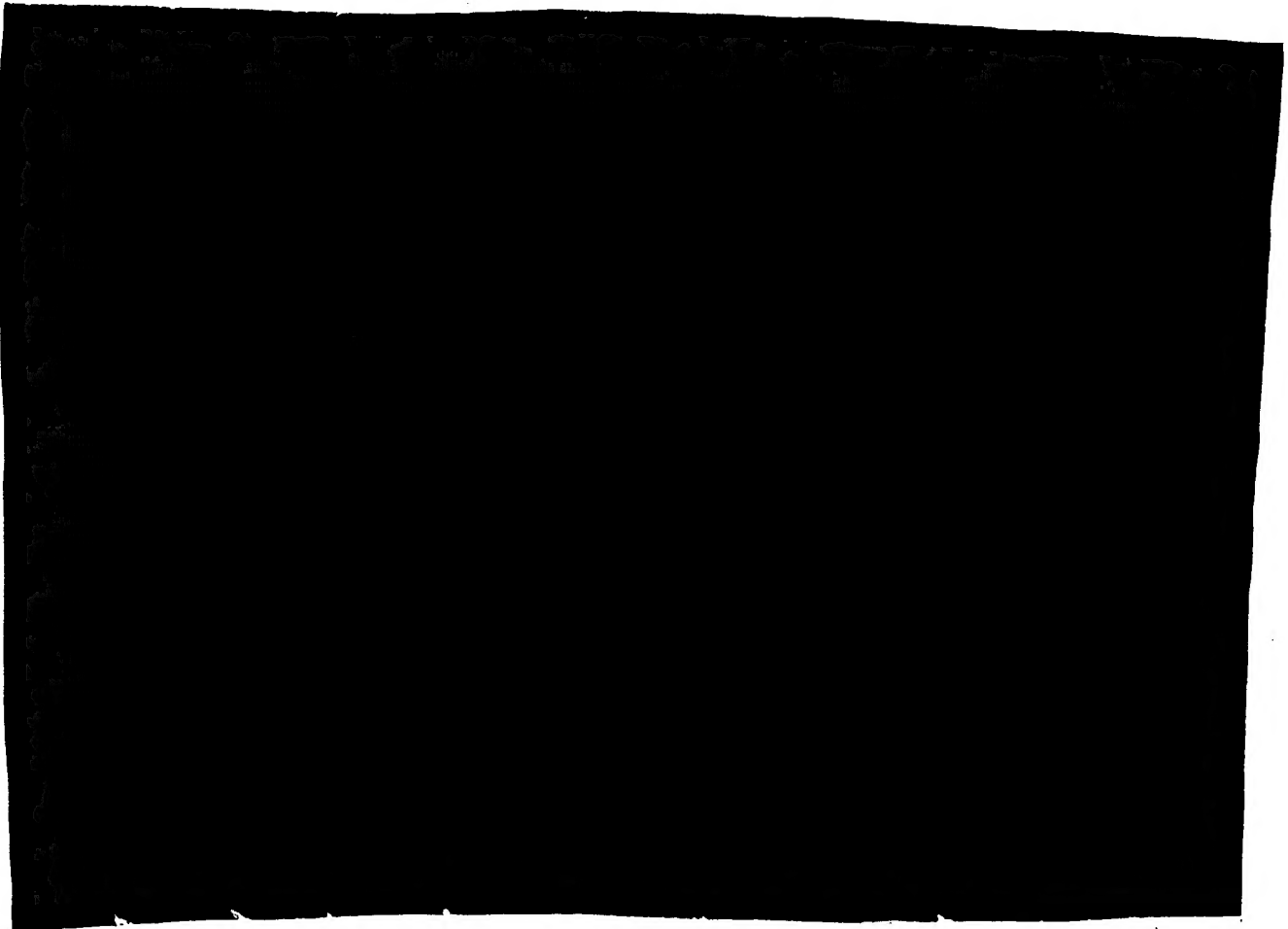
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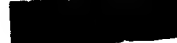
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GREECE:

Papandreou's Electoral Platform

The campaign program of the ruling Socialists reaffirms their intention to eventually remove US bases but indicates Papandreou will keep Greece in NATO and the EC.

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[REDACTED] the Socialists continue to call for the closure of US military facilities when the five-year term of the Defense Economic Cooperation Agreement ends in 1988. The program does not repeat past claims to a unilateral right to remove US nuclear weapons at any time but links their removal to the withdrawal of US bases. [REDACTED]

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The Socialists apparently are abandoning promises to withdraw from NATO and the EC, but relations with NATO will remain "frozen" until disputes with Turkey over Aegean issues are resolved. They will continue to protect and promote Greek interests in the EC. The platform also uses harsher language toward Turkey than was used in the previous election campaign. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The tone of the program probably is designed to appeal both to leftist and centrist constituencies. The tough talk toward Turkey will appeal to the entire political spectrum. In comparison with past campaign platforms, the program represents a turn toward moderation, even though it may not reflect how the Prime Minister will behave if he is reelected. [REDACTED]

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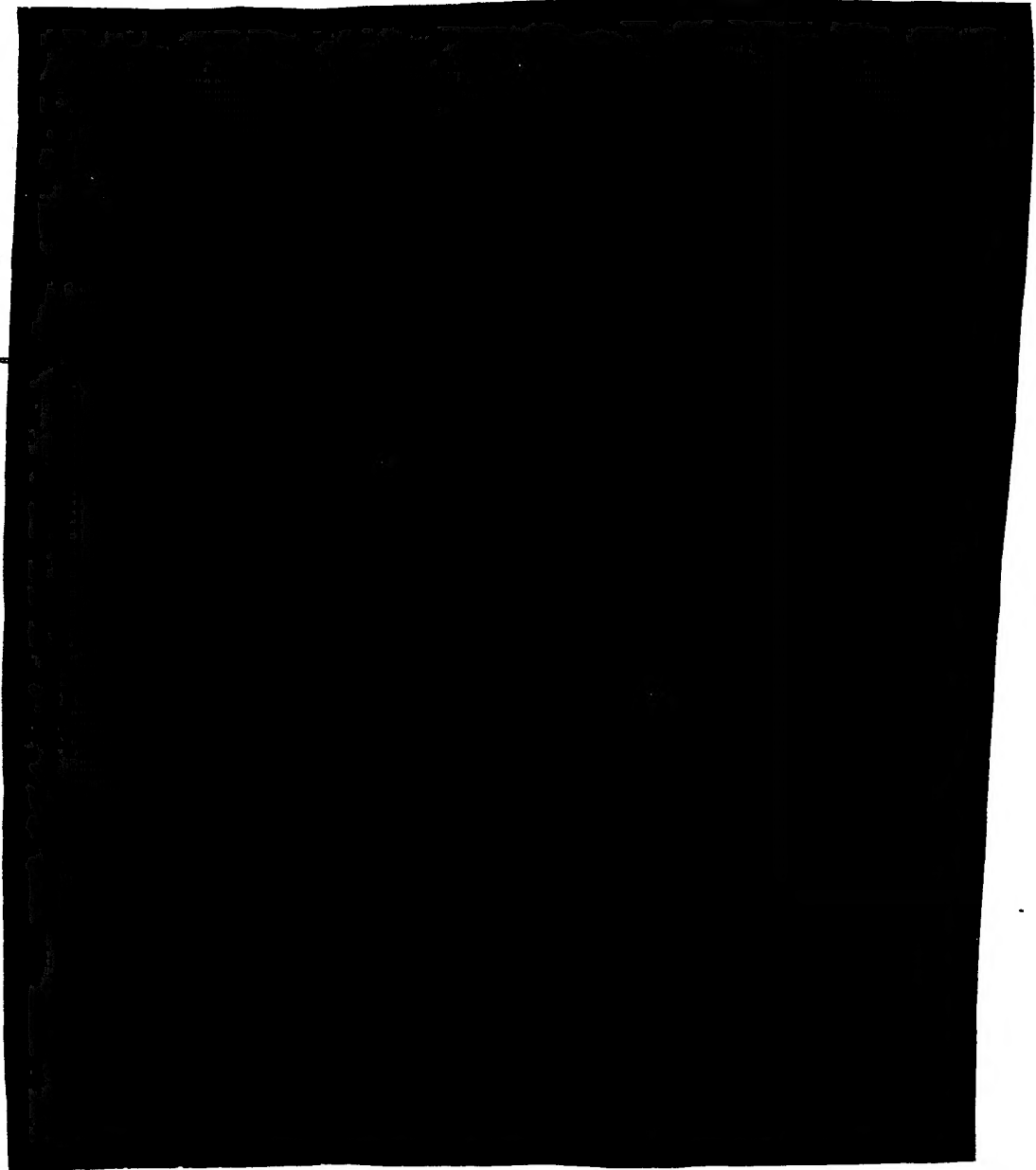
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USSR-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: POW Incident Publicized

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Moscow has gone public with its protest to Pakistan over the death in late April of a group of Soviet and Afghan POWs who were killed in Pakistan as they tried to escape their captors at an Afghan resistance camp. [REDACTED] the Soviets are demanding that Pakistan punish those involved and are expecting Islamabad to draw the proper conclusions about the consequences of complicity against Afghanistan and the USSR. [REDACTED] emphasized the heroism of the soldiers for attempting the escape and not succumbing to resistance efforts to make them defect.

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[REDACTED] the protest over the POW incident probably are designed in part to add to the internal debate in Pakistan about Afghanistan when the Pakistani National Assembly convenes next month. In addition, the Soviets obviously see internal benefits, especially in the wake of the VE-Day celebrations, from highlighting the troops' heroism. [REDACTED] b3

IRAQ-IRAN: [REDACTED]

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ETHIOPIA: Pressing on With Resettlement

Addis Ababa continues to divert resources from helping to feed starving people in northern Ethiopia to the forcible movement and resettlement of some 900,000 famine victims by the end of the year. About 400,000 people have been moved so far. The effort has required the diversion of aircraft, hundreds of scarce trucks, and skilled manpower. Preparations have been inadequate for the influx of large numbers into underdeveloped regions of the country. the settlers receive little food or medical care while being moved and that hundreds of cholera cases have been observed.

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YUGOSLAVIA: Price Controls Imposed

The Yugoslav Government announced Tuesday that soaring inflation will force it to impose some price controls within the next few weeks and to restrict credit to some enterprises until they lower prices. Most price controls on industrial goods were lifted last September in compliance with the IMF standby program that expires today. The government blames "opportunistic monopolists" for raising prices and claims its decision is necessary to halt the rapid decline in the standard of living. [REDACTED] b3

b3 [REDACTED] Although the price controls apparently do not violate the new IMF standby program, they backtrack on Belgrade's commitment to price liberalization. The government has been under growing pressure from many senior politicians to take action to control inflation. The new measures, however, largely treat the symptoms rather than the causes of deep-seated economic problems and may undercut Belgrade's campaign to ease future oversight by the Fund. [REDACTED] b3

YUGOSLAVIA: New Head of State

Vice President Radovan Vlakovic becomes Yugoslavia's new Head of State today under the country's annual leadership rotation system. Vlakovic has been a staunch defender of the interests of his home province against Serbian efforts to strengthen central authority. [REDACTED]

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b3 [REDACTED] Vlakovic's assumption of the office will have little effect on policy. The Yugoslav Head of State has little power of his own, except to chair a collegial nine-member State Presidency. Marshal Tito designed the annual rotational system for top state and party bodies to ensure stability after his death; the party is headed for a similar leadership rotation next month. [REDACTED] b3

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EC-CENTRAL AMERICA: Cooperation Framework Agreement

The EC Commission yesterday proposed negotiating an economic and political cooperation agreement with the Central American states, including Nicaragua. The draft agreement doubles EC aid to the region—currently about \$30 million annually—over a five-year period. The groundwork for the agreement was laid last September by EC and Central American foreign ministers at a special meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica. EC governments must approve the proposal before formal treaty negotiations can begin. [REDACTED] b3

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[REDACTED] EC governments almost certainly will approve initiating formal talks with Central America but probably will not conclude an agreement unless more progress is made in the Contadora talks. The EC is likely to continue to maintain that increased aid should be earmarked for multilateral development agencies in the region and not distributed directly to Central American governments. The Commission's proposal, which has been anticipated for some time, may be intended to add momentum to the Contadora process; nevertheless, Managua is likely to portray the move as a response to the US trade embargo. [REDACTED] b3

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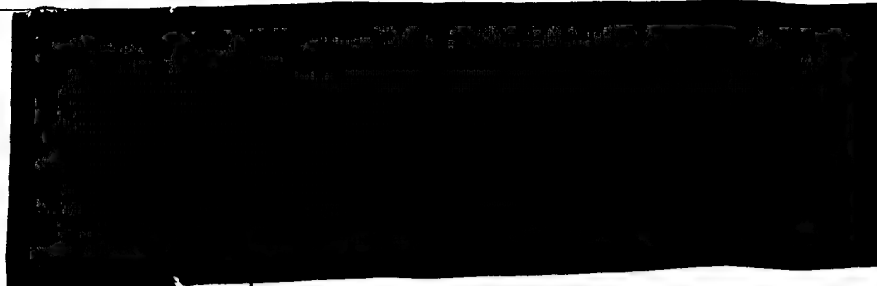
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Terrorist Watch

Latin America

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According to press reports, 40 well-armed members of the Alfaro Vive, Carajo! terrorist group last week attacked the naval base at Jarramijo, Ecuador.

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Middle East

— The acting director of the UN Relief and Works Agency, an Irish national, was kidnaped in West Beirut yesterday. Callers purporting to represent the Islamic Jihad and the lesser known Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims—possibly a covername used by the Abu Nidal group—claimed responsibility. The latter group claimed responsibility for murdering two British diplomats in India and in Greece last year and for kidnaping a British journalist working for the UN in Lebanon last March.

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Africa

— Three bombs damaged a police station and two court buildings in South Africa yesterday, resulting in property damage but no injuries. The attacks occurred near Tsakane, where a trade union leader who died shortly after leaving police custody was being buried. In related activity black labor unions called for a two-hour strike to mark the leader's funeral, but less than 10 percent of the work force supported the call.

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Western Europe

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In Brief

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Africa

— Tens of thousands of aliens still await deportation from Nigeria ... rioting reported ... casualties at Benin border and Lagos detention camps ... frontiers remain closed ... Nigerian sealift has only limited capacity. [REDACTED] b3

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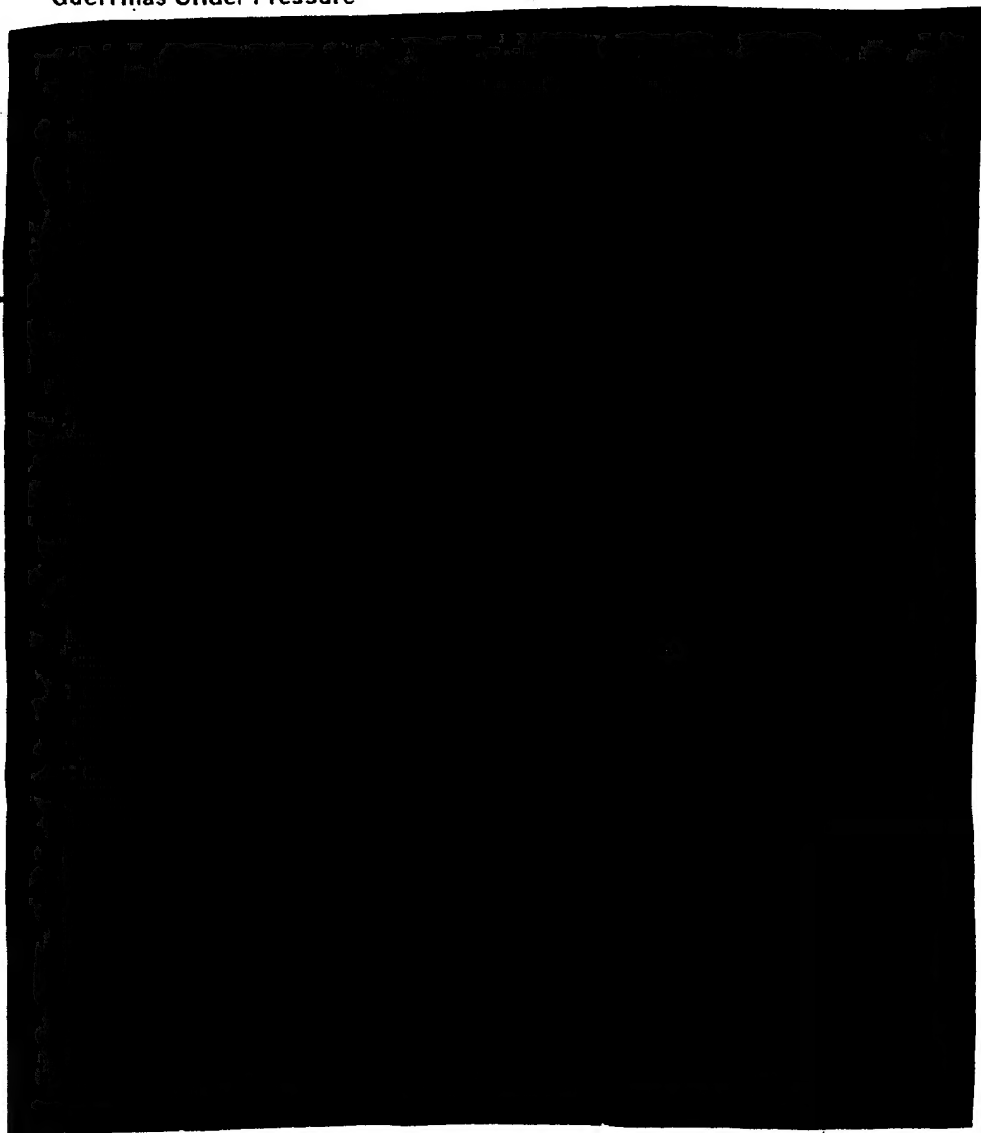
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Guerrillas Under Pressure



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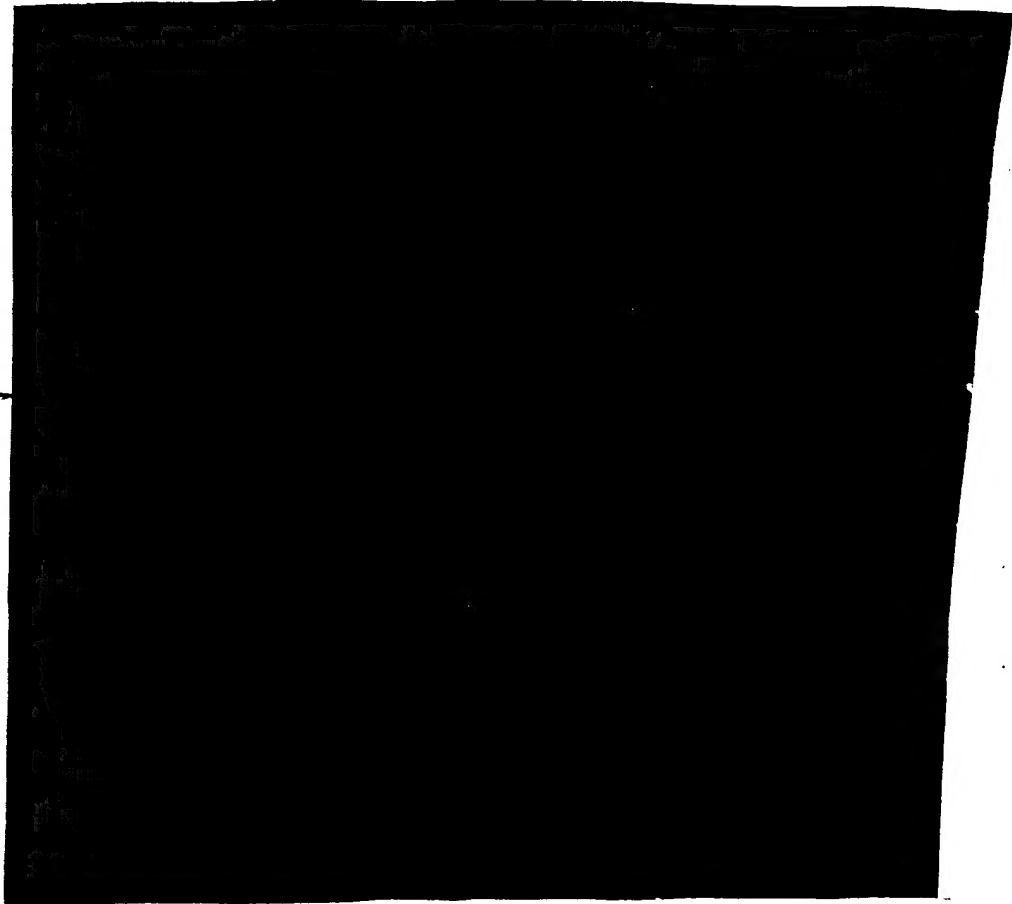
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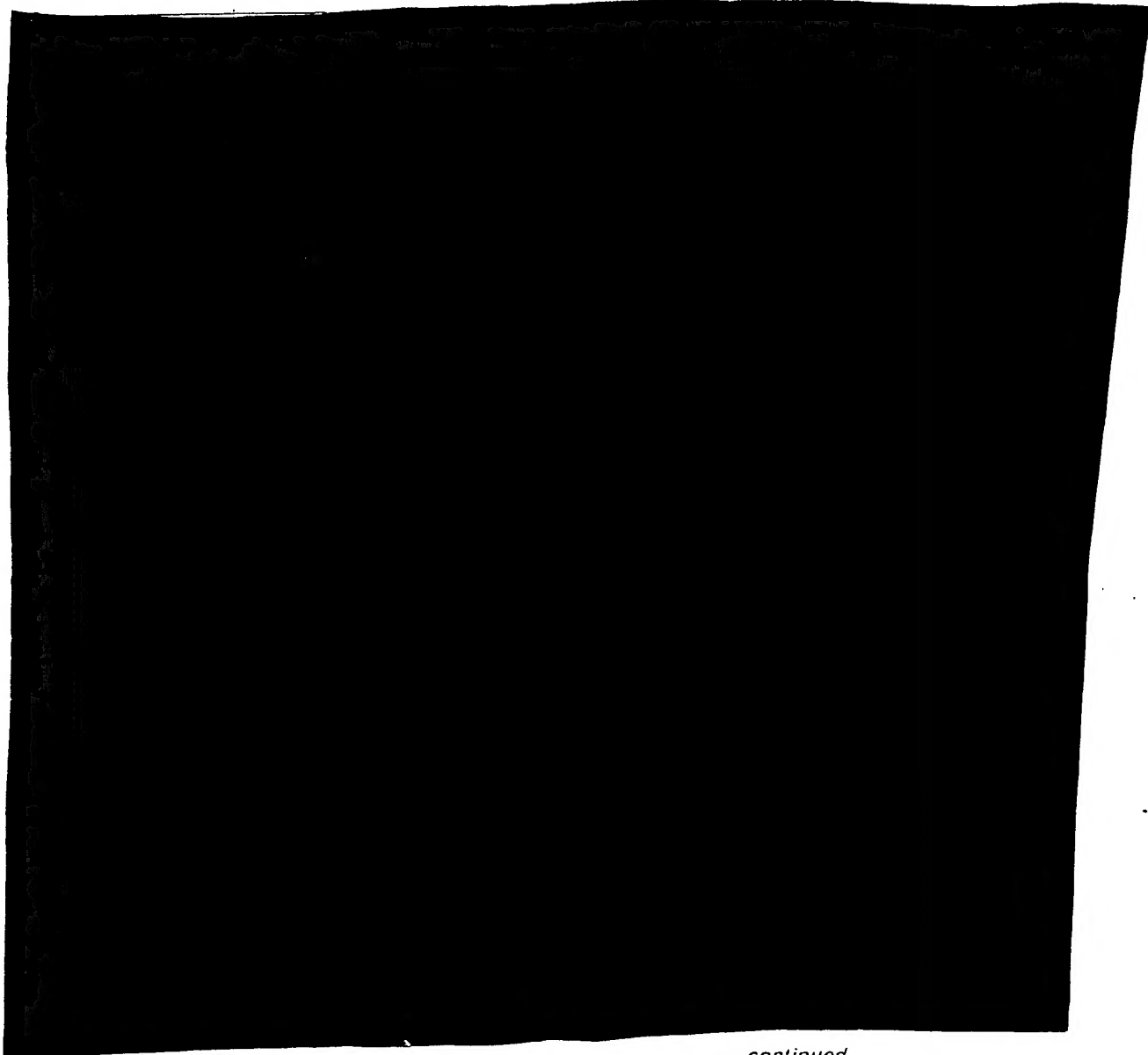
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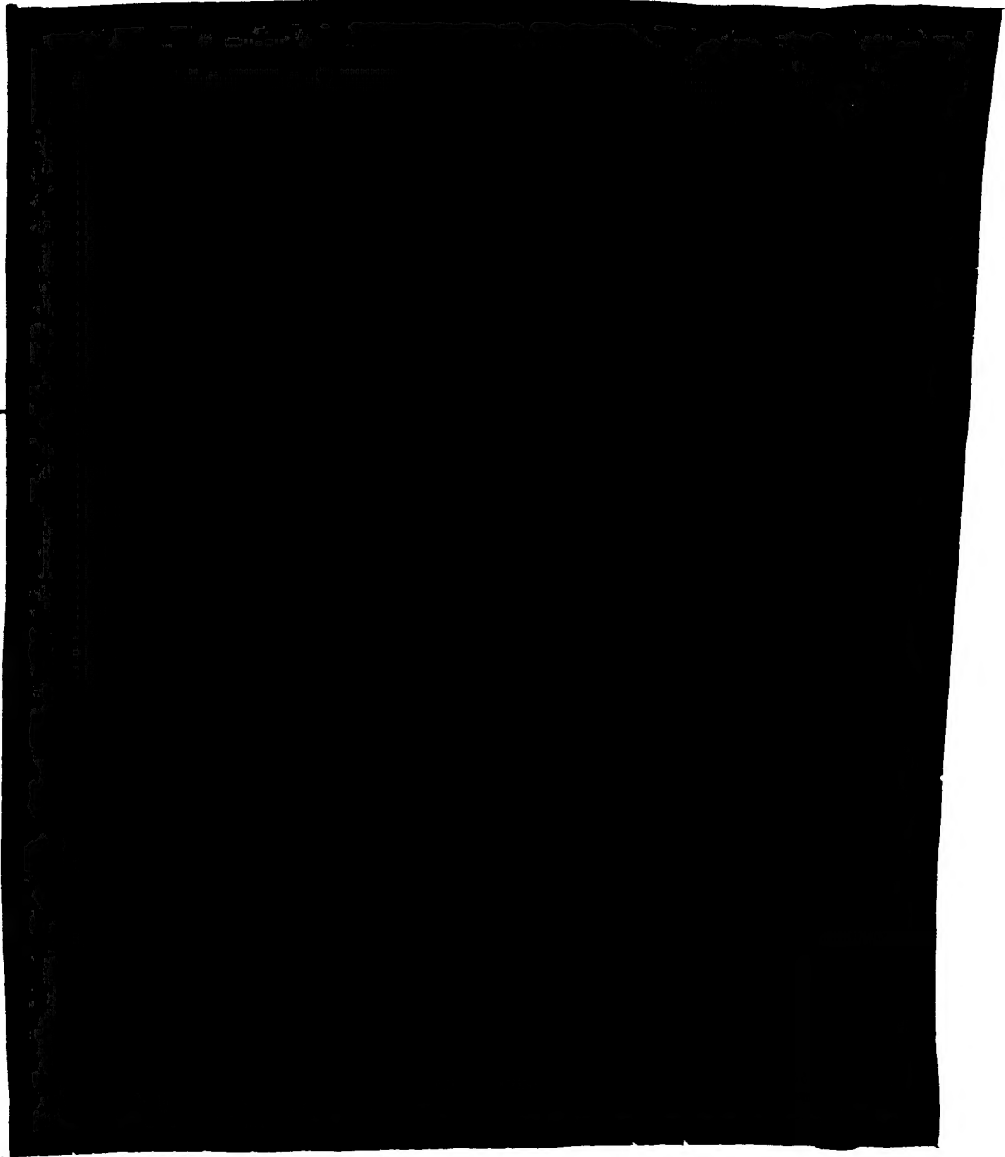
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